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Security Council

11 a.m. — 5098th meeting (closed) — Conference Room 6

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

10 a.m. — 70th plenary meeting — General Assembly Hall

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [105 (b)]: United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education, 1995-2004

(a) Note by the Secretary-General (A/59/525)

(b) Draft resolution (A/59/L.43)

Address by the Deputy Secretary-General

(continued overleaf)

Security Council

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Tuesday, 14 December 2004, in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the agenda item "Protection of civilians in armed conflict". Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should contact the Secretariat (room S-3520; or tel. 1 (212) 963-5254), as from Thursday, 9 December 2004, from 9.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.

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3 p.m. 71st plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Assistance in mine action: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/59/467) [22]
2. Effects of atomic radiation: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/59/468) [73]
3. International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/59/469) [74]
4. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/59/470) [75]
5. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/59/471) [76]
6. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/59/472) [77]
7. Questions relating to information: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/59/473) [78]
8. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/59/474) [79]
9. Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/59/475) [80]
10. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/59/476) [81]
11. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/59/477) [82]
12. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples: report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (A/59/478) [20]
13. Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations: draft resolution (A/59/L.45) [39 (a)]
14. Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations [56]
    (e) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community: draft resolution (A/59/L.25)
    (f) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe: draft resolution (A/59/L.31)

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 116 (United Nations common system (A/59/30 (Vol. I–II), A/59/153, A/59/399, A/59/429 and A/59/522)); 117 (United Nations pension system (A/59/9, A/59/9/Add.1, A/C.5/59/11 and A/59/447)); 119 (Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 48/218B and 54/244); and 118 (Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/59/359, A/58/364, A/58/785, A/57/747 and A/57/747/Corr.1))

3–6 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 108 (Programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005: Strengthened and unified security management system for the United Nations (A/59/365, A/59/365/Corr.1, A/59/365/Add.1, A/59/365/Add.1/Corr.1, A/59/539 and A/59/396))

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

1. Criteria used for recruitment to support account posts
2. Executive session on the revision of UNDP financial regulations

Credentials Committee

12 noon–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 8

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

Second Committee

Informal "informals"

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. George Talbot (Guyana), on the draft resolution on agenda item 83 (b) (International financial system and development), will be held *today*, 10 December 2004, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 7, and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Félix Mbayu (Cameroon), on the draft resolution on agenda item 84 (Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development), will be held *today*, 10 December 2004, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Khondker Talha (Bangladesh), on the draft resolution on agenda item 83 (a) (International trade and development), will be held *today*, 10 December 2004, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the suite of offices of Conference Room 2, and from 2.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room DC2-1120.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Majdi Ramadan (Lebanon), on the draft resolution on the importance of further strengthening efforts towards achieving the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, in the promotion of peace (under agenda item 89), will be held *today*, 10 December 2004, from 12 noon to 2 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Ms. Vanessa Gomes (Portugal), on the draft resolution on agenda item 92 (a) (United Nations Institute for Training and Research), will be held *today*, 10 December 2004, from 1 to 2 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Olivier Chave (Switzerland), on the draft resolution on agenda item 90 (b) (Triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system), will be held *today*, 10 December 2004, from 1 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Ms. Claudia Alemán (Peru), on the draft resolution on microcredit (under agenda item 89 (a)), will be held *today*, 10 December 2004, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room S-2963D.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Claudio Rojas (Chile), on the draft resolution on agenda item 87 (Globalization and interdependence), will be held *today*, 10 December 2004, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Ms. Vanessa Gomes (Portugal), on the draft resolution on agenda item 87 (c) (Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin), will be held *today*, 10 December 2004, from 2 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Bruno van der Pluijm (Belgium), on the draft resolution on agenda item 88 (a) (Third United Nations Conference on Least Developed Countries), will be held *today*, 10 December 2004, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Kainarbek Toktomushev (Kyrgyzstan), on the draft resolution on agenda item 85 (h) (Rendering assistance to the poor mountain countries to overcome obstacles in socio-economic and ecological areas), will be held *today*, 10 December 2004, from 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room S-2963D.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Majdi Ramadan (Lebanon), on the draft resolution on agenda item 89 (a) (Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)), will be held *today*, 10 December 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Hussein Sabbagh (Syrian Arab Republic), on the draft resolution on agenda item 89 (c) (Industrial development cooperation), will be held *today*, 10 December 2004, from 4 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Other meetings

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Friday, 10 December 2004

Eastern European Group *(at the ambassadorial level)*

9.30–11.50 a.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

Group of 77 *(draft resolutions on macroeconomic policy questions: international trade and development; and training and research: United Nations Training and Research)*

10 a.m.–12 noon . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Group of 77 *(draft resolutions on eradication of poverty and other development issues: importance of further strengthening efforts towards achieving the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals, in the promotion of peace; eradication of poverty and other development issues: role of microcredit in the eradication of poverty; training and research: United Nations University; globalization and interdependence; New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support; and follow-up and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development)*

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

1.15–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Group of 77 *(draft resolution on operational activities for development: triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system)*

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)*

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) (under agenda item 38 (a)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Morocco)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Consultations on Programme 19 of the Proposed strategic framework for the period 2006-2007 (A/59/6 (Prog. 19)) (convened by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Panel discussion on "Freedom from fear and want – The human rights year in review" (organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, in cooperation with the NGO Committee on Human Rights)

A panel of human rights experts and activists will discuss "Freedom from fear and want – The human rights year in review", organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, in cooperation with the NGO Committee on Human Rights, will be held *today*, 10 December 2004, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1. Members of Permanent Missions and United Nations agencies and organizations, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Briefing on women in development (organized by the United States Mission, in cooperation with the Division for the Advancement of Women and the Financing for Development Office, DESA)

The Director of Poverty Reduction and Economic Governance, International Center for Research on Women, Ms. Caren Grown, will make a presentation on "Poverty reduction, economic growth and the importance of women's property and inheritance rights", at a briefing on women in development, organized by the United States Mission, in cooperation with the Division for the Advancement of Women and the Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs. The briefing will be held *today*, 10 December 2004, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information please contact Ms. Ann Low, United States Mission (tel. 1 (212) 415-4229).

Panel discussion on "Human rights education in the school system – Practical experiences" (organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and UNESCO)

A panel discussion on "Human rights education in the school system – Practical experiences", organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), will be held *today*, 10 December 2004, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 1. Members of Permanent Missions and United Nations agencies and organizations, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Friday, 10 December 2004

Room S-226

12 noon	Press briefing by the Spokesman
Afternoon[1]	Ms. Shulamith Koenig, recipient of the 2003 United Nations Award for outstanding achievement in the field of human rights and initiator of the United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education; Mr. Danilo Türk, Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs; and Mr. Minar Pimple, Executive Director of the People's Movement for Human Rights Learning (on a global appeal by world leaders on human rights learning towards peace, development and human security)
4.45 p.m.	Group of African Ambassadors led by H.E. Mr. Roble Olhaye, Permanent Representative of Djibouti (to brief the press following their meeting with the Secretary-General)

[1] Following the noon press briefing.

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 58/136, the two facilitators appointed by the Chairman of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will hold the first informal consultations on how to rationalize the work of the Fourth Committee, on Tuesday, 14 December 2004, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Fifth Committee The Fifth Committee will hold its 29th meeting on Monday, 13 December 2004, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3. Informal consultations (closed) will be held following the adjournment of the 29th meeting, and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) counter-terrorism

The Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism, together with the Commonwealth of Independent States, will hold in Almaty (Kazakhstan) from Wednesday to Friday, 26 to 28 January 2005, its fourth special meeting with international, regional and sub-regional organizations (open to Member States and invitees). All Member States are welcome to attend as observers. Interested Member States are kindly requested to contact the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Kazakhstan (tel. 1 (212) 230-1900, extensions 20 or 13).

General Assembly

International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States
Port Louis, Mauritius, 10-14 January 2005

The Secretary-General of the United Nations International Meeting would like to inform all concerned that the International Meeting will be held *at the Swami Vivekananda International Convention Center, at Les Pailles, Mauritius,* from 10 to 14 January 2005. It will be preceded by two days of informal consultations in Mauritius on Saturday and Sunday, 8 and 9 January. The high-level segment will be held on Thursday and Friday, 13 and 14 January.

Lists of speakers

Plenary interactive panels

There will be no speakers' lists for the interactive panels organized in the plenary, scheduled to take place from Monday, 10 January, to Wednesday, 12 January. The Panels will address the following themes: The Environmental Vulnerabilities of Small Island Developing States; The Special Challenges of Small Island Developing States in Trade and Economic Development; The Role of Culture in the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States; Addressing Emerging Trends and Social Challenges for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States; and Building Resilience in Small Island Developing States.

High-level segment general debate

The list of speakers for the high-level segment of the International Meeting, to be held on 13 and 14 January 2005, is open for the general debate under item 8 of the provisional agenda entitled, "Comprehensive review of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States". Statements would be presented by Heads of State or Government, or their high-level appointees, on the basis of the list to be drawn up by the Secretariat in accordance with established practice. It has been recommended that statements not exceed five minutes. Delegations wishing to inscribe should indicate the name and designation for the speakers' list to Ms. Lorna Fidler (tel. 1 (212) 963-2319; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail fidler@un.org).

High-level segment round tables

There will be two round tables on the overall theme "The Way Forward".

Round table 1, to be held on Thursday, 13 January, from 3 to 6 p.m., will highlight resources; and *Round table 2*, to be held on Friday, 14 January, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., will highlight capacity-building and technology transfer.

Delegations wishing to inscribe should indicate the name and designation and the round table to which they would like to inscribe to Ms. Lorna Fidler (tel. 1 (212) 963-2319; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail fidler@un.org). Each interactive round table would have 40-50 participants and would be open to Heads of State or Government or their high-level appointees.

Economic and Social Council

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations on the 2005 regular session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, (5–18 January 2005) on Monday and Tuesday, 13 and 14 December 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Ad Hoc Working Group on Informatics

The next meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Informatics will take place on Thursday, 16 December 2004, from 10 to 12 a.m. in Conference Room 7, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Victor Camilleri (Malta), with the following agenda: (a) Web site dedicated to the Permanent Missions in New York; (b) Request by the Military and Civilian Police Advisers' Community; (c) Improvement of communications within regional groups; and (d) Ongoing initiatives in the Secretariat.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Group of 77 *(organization of work of the thirteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development*

There will be a closed meeting of the Group of 77 *(organization of work of the thirteenth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development)*, on Monday, 13 December 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in a conference room to be announced.

Informal briefing to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations on the concept of strategic reserves

There will be an informal briefing to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations on the concept of strategic reserves, on Monday, 13 December 2004, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 1. For further information, please contact Ms. Souverijn-Eisenberg, Peacekeeping Best Practices Unit, Department of Peacekeeping Operations (tel. 1 (917) 367-0067; or e-mail souverijn-eisenberg@un.org).

Symposium on "Strengthening conflict-sensitive business practices in vulnerable and conflict-affected states"

There will be a symposium on "Strengthening conflict-sensitive business practices in vulnerable and conflict-affected states", co-organized by the Global Compact Office, the German Foreign Office and the Friedrich Ebert Foundation, on Tuesday, 14 December 2004, from 9 a.m. to 1.15 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

Meeting of the Group of Interested States in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 52/38 G (Consolidation of Peace through Practical Disarmament Measures)

There will a meeting of the Group of Interested States in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 52/38 G (Consolidation of Peace through Practical Disarmament Measures) on Thursday, 16 December 2004, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8. The meeting will review the status of ongoing projects of practical disarmament and will hear new proposals in this field. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

Announcements

Fourth Open Forum for Partnerships on "Achieving the Millennium Development Goals in the Least Developed Countries"

The Office of the United Nations High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (UN-OHRLLS) announces that it will hold its Fourth Open Forum for Partnerships on "Achieving the Millennium Development Goals in the Least Developed Countries", on Wednesday, 15 December 2004, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 6. A presentation will be made by Professor Jeffrey D. Sachs, Director of The Earth Institute, Columbia University, Director of the Millennium Project and Special Advisor to the Secretary-General on the Millennium Development Goals. Members of the Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Multi-stakeholder consultation on "Sovereign debt for sustained development: Issues for countries that access financial markets"

There will be a multi-stakeholder consultation on "Sovereign debt for sustained development: Issues for countries that access financial markets", organized by the Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, in cooperation with the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, at United Nations Headquarters, on Monday and Tuesday, 31 January and 1 February 2005. The consultation will comprise a series of informal meetings, including panel discussions and interactive round tables, with the participation of experts from the official and private sectors, as well as academia and civil society, as mandated by General Assembly resolution 58/230. *Delegations wishing to nominate individuals with appropriate expertise to act as panellists and/or round-table participants are kindly invited to submit the name and curriculum vitae of the proposed expert to the Financing for Development Office, DESA (fax 1 (212) 963-0443; or e-mail ffdoffice@un.org), by Friday, 31 December 2004.* Information on the modalities and background documentation of the event is available at www.un.org/esa/ffd/09multi-stake-consul flyer-debt.htm.

High-level round tables to be convened during the high-level plenary meetings of the forty-third session of the Commission for Social Development

The forty-third session of the Commission for Social Development will be held at Headquarters from 9 to 18 February 2005. In its resolution 2004/58, the Economic and Social Council decided that the forty-third session of the Commission for Social Development should convene high-level plenary meetings open to the participation of all United Nations Member States and observers on the 10-year review of the implementation of the Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action and the outcome of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly. *The high-level plenary meetings will be held on 10 and 11 February 2005. In this regard, three high-level round tables will be convened on eradication of poverty, promoting full employment and fostering social integration.* Information on these three round tables, as well as other background information for the forty-third session of the Commission, is available for pick-up outside room DC2-1320. For further information, please visit the following Web site: www.un.org/esa/socdev/csd/csocd2005.htm.

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Friday, 3 December 2004, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Background information on a report of the Secretary-General

The report of the Secretary-General on the modalities, format and organization of the high-level plenary meeting of the sixtieth session of the General Assembly has been issued in document A/59/545 and can also be found on the United Nations Web site (www.un.org/SG).

Electronic notice boards for meetings

Electronic notice boards for meetings were recently installed in the General Assembly Lobby and at the garden level adjacent to the Cafe Austria to display updated information on scheduled meetings taking place at Headquarters. The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management would welcome feedback comments on the screens, which can be sent by logging on to http://emeets.un.org and using the feedback form, so that further adjustments can be made as necessary. The Department would also welcome comments sent to the same e-mail address on the terminology used, the quality of language services and improvement of other services provided to Member States.

Copies of UNU-Wider Study on "New Sources of Development Finance"

Copies of the recently released UNU-WIDER Study on "New Sources of Development Finance" can be obtained from the Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (room DC2-2386) (limited to one copy for each Permanent Mission).

Summary of meetings

Wednesday, 8 December 2004

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

69th plenary meeting *Typhoon in the Philippines*

The President of the General Assembly, on behalf of the General Assembly, extended his deepest sympathy to the Government and the people of the Philippines for the tragic loss of life and extensive material damage that have resulted from the recent typhoon in the Philippines.

The representative of the Philippines made a statement.

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments . . . [17]

(a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/59/582)

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/59/582), appointed the following persons as members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2005: Mr. Ronald Elkhuizen (Netherlands), Mr. Jorge Flores Callejas (Honduras), Mr. Jerry Kramer (Canada), Ms. Sun Minqin (China), Mr. Rajat Saha (India) and Mr. Jun Yamazaki (Japan).

(b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions: report of the Fifth Committee (A/59/583)

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/59/583), appointed the following persons as members of the Committee on Contributions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2005: Mr. David Dutton (Australia), Mr. Paul Ekorong a Dong (Cameroon), Mr. Bernardo Greiver del Hoyo (Uruguay), Mr. Hassan Mohammed Hassan (Nigeria), Mr. Eduardo Héctor Iglesias (Argentina) and Mr. Eduardo Manuel da Fonseca Fernandes Ramos (Portugal).

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/59/583), appointed Mr. Vyacheslav Anatolievich Logutov (Russian Federation) as a member of the Committee on Contributions for a term of office beginning on 1 January 2005 and ending on 31 December 2005.

(c) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee: report of the Fifth Committee (A/59/584)

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 5 of its report (A/59/584), confirmed the appointment by the Secretary-General of the following persons as members of the Investments Committee for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2005: Mr. William McDonough (United States of America), Ms. Hélène Ploix (France) and Mr. Jürgen Reimnitz (Germany).

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/59/584), confirmed the appointment by the Secretary-General of Mr. Khaya Ngqula (South Africa) as a member of the Investments Committee for a term of office beginning in December 2004 and expiring on 31 December 2006.

(d) Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal: report of the Fifth Committee (A/59/585)

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 5 of its report (A/59/585), appointed the following persons as members of the the United Nations Administrative Tribunal for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2005: Mr. Goh Joon Seng (Singapore), Mr. Spyridon Flogaitis (Greece) and Ms. Brigitte Stern (France).

(e) Appointment of members and alternate members of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee: report of the Fifth Committee (A/59/586)

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 4 of its report (A/59/586), appointed the following persons as members or alternate members of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee for a four-year term of office beginning on

1 January 2005: Mr. Kenshiro Akimoto (Japan), Mr. Aizaz Ahmad Chaudhry (Pakistan), Ms. Valeria María González Posse (Argentina), Mr. Andrei Vitalievitch Kovalenko (Russian Federation), Mr. Gerhard Küntzle (Germany), Mr. Lovemore Mazemo (Zimbabwe), Mr. Philip Richard Okanda Owade (Kenya) and Mr. Thomas Repasch (United States of America).

(f) Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission: report of the Fifth Committee (A/59/587)

The General Assembly, as recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/59/587), appointed the following persons as members of the International Civil Service Commission for a four-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2005: Mr. Fatih Bouayad-Agha (Algeria), Mr. Shamsher Chowdhury (Bangladesh), Mr. Vladimir Titov (Russian Federation), Mr. Xiaochu Wang (China) and Mr. El Hassane Zahid (Morocco).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-items (a) to (f) of agenda item 17.

The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security [27]: *Emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan* [39 (d)]: *joint debate*

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/59/581)

(b) Draft resolution (A/59/L.44)

The representative of the Secretariat made a statement, in the course of which he orally corrected draft resolution A/59/L.44.

The representative of Germany made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/59/L.44, as orally corrected.

Statements were made by the representatives of Afghanistan, the Netherlands (on behalf of the European Union and Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania, Serbia and Montenegro, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Turkey), Kazakhstan (on behalf of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization), China, Tajikistan, Malaysia, Japan, Iceland, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Pakistan, Norway, India, Canada, Uzbekistan and Turkey.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 57/32 of 19 November 2002, the observer for the Inter-Parliamentary Union made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/59/L.44, as orally corrected (resolution 59/112 A and B).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 27 and sub-item (d) of agenda item 39.

Programme of work

The General Assembly was informed that the second informal meeting of the plenary on the report of the High-level Panel on Threats, Challenges and Change would be held on 9 December 2004, in the morning, in Conference Room 4.

Thursday, 9 December 2004

Security Council

5097th meeting

Non-proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction

Letter dated 8 December 2004 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2004/958)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to His Excellency Mr. Mihnea Ioan Motoc, Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004).

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Ambassador Motoc.

Statements were made by the representatives of France, the Russian Federation, the Philippines, the United States, Pakistan, Brazil, Spain, Angola, Chile, China, Benin, Germany and the United Kingdom, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Algeria.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

United Nations Convention against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003

Signature: Ghana (9 December 2004)

United Nations Convention on Jurisdictional Immunities of States and their Property
New York, 2 December 2004

Opening for signature

In accordance with its articles 28 and 33, the above Convention shall be open for signature by all States from 17 January 2005 until 17 January 2007, at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

Certified true copies of the Convention, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, will be prepared and will be transmitted to all States as soon as possible.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of

a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued by one of these authorities.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Convention could notify and provide copies of the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org).

For more information on full powers and a model instrument of full powers, please refer to the *Treaty Handbook* on the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site, which can be accessed at the following address: http://untreaty.un.org.

Other announcements

Book launch (organized by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland)

On the occasion of Human Rights Day, the book entitled "The Face of Human Rights" will be launched *today*, 10 December 2004, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 3. The event, organized by the Permanent Mission of Switzerland, will be followed by a panel discussion. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Human Rights Day (10 December 2004)

On the occasion of Human Rights Day, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights is sponsoring events to mark the conclusion of the United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education (1995-2004). For information on the schedule of parallel events following the General Assembly plenary meeting, please refer to the United Nations Human Rights Day Web site at www.un.org/events/humanrights/2004. The address for the live webcast of the plenary meeting is www.un.org/webcast/index.asp. Members of Permanent Missions and United Nations agencies and organizations, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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S/2004/947	Report of the Secretary-General on the Sudan pursuant to paragraphs 6, 13 and 16 of Security Council resolution 1556 (2004), paragraph 15 of Security Council resolution 1564 (2004), and paragraph 17 of Security Council resolution 1574 (2004) [A C E F R S]

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